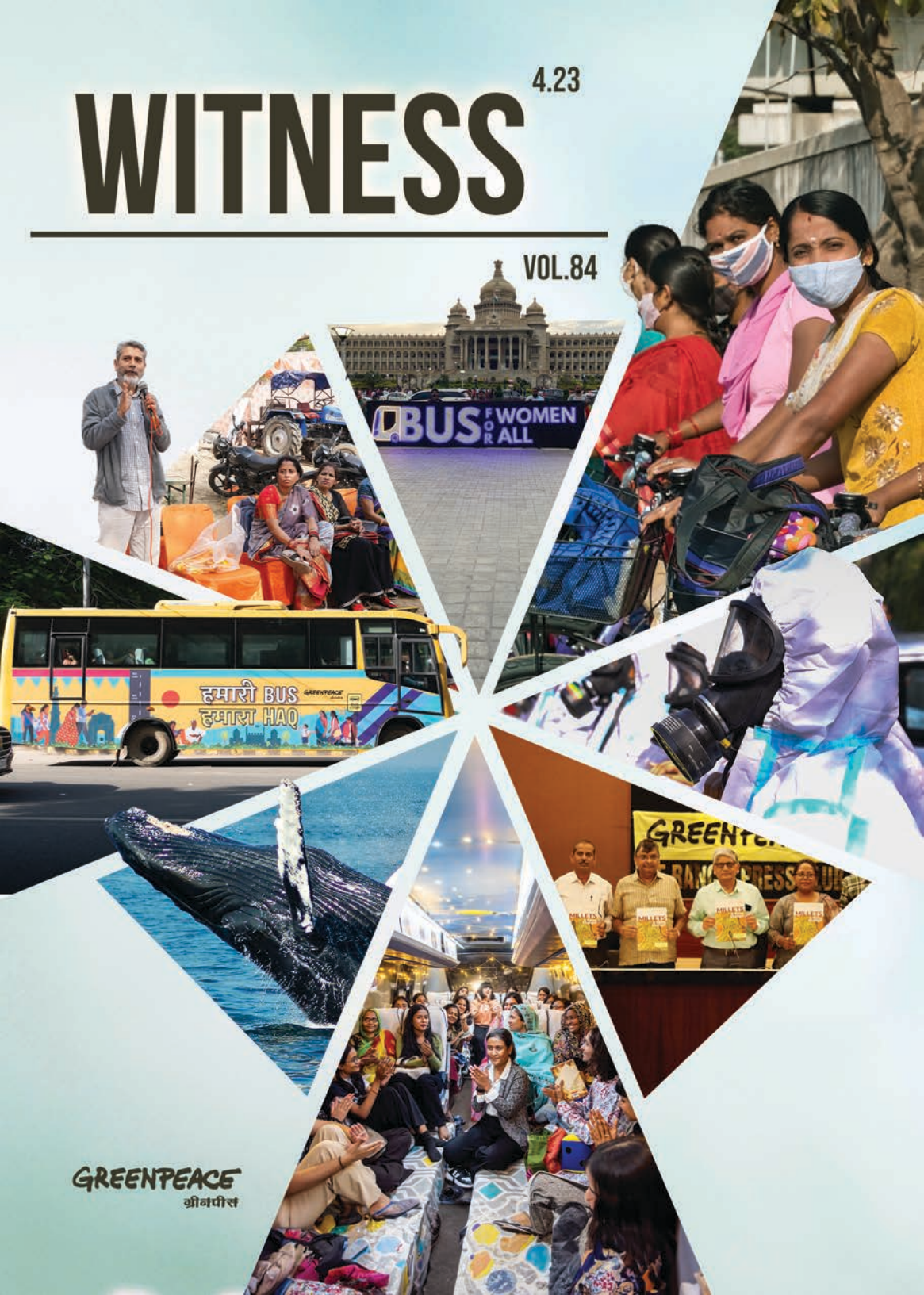


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EDITORIAL

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In the year 2023, we witnessed unprecedented global challenges posed by extreme weather events. Yet, in the face of adversity, many spirited individuals worldwide persisted in their campaigns for climate justice, yielding significant breakthroughs both in India and on the international stage. Notably, the world united to embrace the inaugural Global Oceans Treaty, a milestone in safeguarding our pristine, ecologically rich and currently vulnerable

oceans. At COP28, nations finally discussed the gradual phasing out of fossil fuels and committed to a fund for loss and damage. Though there is no consensus required under the UN process, we are hopeful that this is a beginning for nations to act and especially address the requirements of the most vulnerable.

In India, through our advocacy work and the support of the communities, we were successful in bringing into effect the Heat action plan in Delhi and the Shakti Scheme that allows for free buses for women in Karnataka.

While we enjoy these moments of joy, our work doesn't stop here. We need to strive harder as the world needs better. The rate at which we witness climate disasters cannot be ignored any longer. Scientists have been trying to convey the consequences of climate change for many decades now. Reality has hit our doorstep and cannot be ignored anymore; we must act now.

The unwavering support from our allies, communities, volunteers, and donors in the past year has only strengthened our belief that our work is truly making a difference!

2023



**A YEAR IN
REVIEW**



OUR WOMEN CYCLISTS COMMUNITY IS GROWING!

As the women's cyclists community grows, they demand what is rightfully theirs - reclaiming their space on the road. They go on to silently fight air pollution and take a step towards making our city healthy and hearty.



JANUARY

GROWING TOGETHER

Through Growing Together we connected Delhi's consumers with organic farming experiences, promoting informed food choices and how to fight climate change. To achieve the same, we organised a three-day farm visit that included school kids, teachers, volunteers and urban consumers engaging in hands-on activities like picking vegetables, using farming tools, making natural fertilisers, purchasing fresh produce, assisting in lunch preparation and enjoying a nutritious meal sourced directly from the farm.





FEBRUARY

DEMAND FOR UPDATED AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

On the 3rd, our volunteers wearing hazmat suits, gathered at the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) office to demand immediate revision of India's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). It's been two years since WHO revised its Air Quality Standards, but despite follow-ups, the NAAQS remain unchanged. The member secretary of CPCB promised a review of national standards.

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MARCH

LETTER TO THE DELHI CM ON #BUSKABUDGET

Along with the Public Transport Forum, Delhi, Greenpeace India wrote a letter to express concern regarding the current state of public transport in Delhi, and to request that the government increase its investments in public transport in the upcoming state budget 2023-24. The demands included making buses affordable, safe and reliable, and increasing the number of buses to address the needs of the people. Notably, some of our demands, such as the addition of 1600 new buses and mini (mohalla) buses, were accepted.

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THE HISTORIC UN OCEAN TREATY

A historic UN Ocean Treaty has finally been agreed upon at the United Nations after almost two decades of negotiations. This Treaty is a monumental win for ocean protection and provides a pathway to creating fully or highly protected areas across the world's oceans.

Over 5.5 million people signed a Greenpeace petition calling for a strong Treaty.

This is a victory for all of them.

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APRIL

GREEN CITIES AND CLEAN FOOD

Ahead of the state assembly elections in Karnataka, Greenpeace India campaigned to include sustainable transport and nutrition as an agenda in the manifesto of political parties by submitting a collective 20-point recommendation. With recommendations, Greenpeace India called on political parties to make critical environmental issues such as urban justice, equitable mobility and access to safe and local foods the basis of current and future legislative discourses. Several of our mobility demands were incorporated into the manifestos of the political parties.

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DELHI NEEDS A HEAT WAVE ACTION PLAN

Greenpeace India and Heatwave Action Coalition (a network of intersectional youth climate groups) wrote to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal requesting the release of the Delhi Heat Action Plan (HAP) to combat the impacts of heatwaves in the city. Recognizing the need for a heatwave action plan in the face of climate change's impact, this request acknowledges the evolving reality. While mitigation efforts remain crucial, adaptation becomes equally significant, particularly in regions where the vulnerable poor are disproportionately affected.

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READ THE LETTER



A nighttime photograph of the Karnataka State Assembly building, illuminated with warm lights. In the foreground, a large, glowing neon sign reads "BUS FOR WOMEN FOR ALL". The sign features a stylized bus icon on the left. The background shows the building's facade with many windows, some of which are lit up. A street lamp is visible on the left side of the frame.

MAY

BUS FOR WOMEN FOR ALL

FREE BUSES FOR WOMEN

As a result of our advocacy work during the state assembly elections in Karnataka, the winning party, the Indian National Congress included one of our key recommendations in their manifesto: providing free public transport for women through the Uchita Prayana Scheme. This recommendation was swiftly approved by the Cabinet after the political party assumed office in Karnataka. The approval demonstrates the party's dedication to inclusivity and recognising the essential contributions of women in society.

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JUNE



DELHI NEEDS A **HEATWAVE** ACTION PLAN IMMEDIATELY

Greenpeace activists protested outside the State Secretariat, highlighting the urgency of recurring deadly heat waves in Indian cities, including the severely impacted national capital. We also released a follow-up letter demanding the Heatwave Action Plan (HAP) draft be made available for public consultation before the end of June 2023—before being released and implemented. The HAP is crucial to safeguard Delhi and its citizens from the harmful impacts of extreme heat.

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INCLUDE MILLETS IN MIDDAY MEALS

In a press conference, civil society groups urged the Jharkhand Government to include millets in the Midday meal scheme, aiming to bolster the nutritional security of school children amidst climate change challenges. We also released a report titled "Millets: A Game Changer for Nutritional Security and Climate Resilience in Jharkhand." The report emphasizes the climate-resilient and nutrient-rich qualities of indigenous and local grains, showcasing their potential to combat persistent issues of anaemia and malnutrition among children in the state. **Indian Medical Association (IMA), Jharkhand chapter President, Dr Shambhu Prasad** also supported this demand.

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LET'S MOVE BENGALURU

Civil society groups in Bengaluru participated in an open citizens' assembly 'Let's Move Bengaluru' to amplify the public voices in building sustainable cities. During the discussions, a crucial aspect that emerged was the need for a mindset shift in the way we look at public transportation in India. Another point of discussion was the recently introduced Shakti Scheme. Although it has garnered admiration from various stakeholders, its inadequacies were evident due to the limited number of buses in the city.

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JULY

WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CLIMATE CRISIS

July recorded the hottest-ever temperature since records began. We are in the middle of an extreme climate mess. This is what scientists warned us about for the last 50 years.

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RAINBOW WARRIOR TOURS THE PACIFIC ISLAND

The iconic Greenpeace vessel the Rainbow Warrior travelled around the Pacific Islands bearing witness to communities on the frontlines of the climate crisis and gathering evidence of climate harm to present to the world's highest court.



The ship was welcomed into port by a traditional ceremony, with those aboard greeted by members of civil society groups, local communities and representatives from the government of Vanuatu.



HEAT PROOFING DELHI

Months of advocacy work paid off as the Delhi Heatwave Action Plan came into action. The formulation of the Delhi Heatwave Action Plan (HAP) by the Delhi Disaster Management Authority marks a significant preliminary step towards mitigating heat wave-related challenges in the city.

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SEPTEMBER

PEOPLE'S DEMAND FOR THE EXPANSION OF BUS LANES

Our latest report, “Relying on bus: Studying the impacts of Bengaluru’s bus lane on bus use” reveals the far-reaching impacts of Bengaluru’s exclusive bus priority lane on public bus users. The study sheds light on the bus lane’s positive effects on travel time and potential solutions to Bengaluru’s air pollution crisis.

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CPCB, KYA HUA TERA WADA?

Due to the lack of action from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), we decided to take action. Two activists donning hazmat suits, demonstrated from inside a life-sized glass capsule engulfed in dense smoke outside the CPCB headquarters. In this dramatic demonstration of the dire conditions of India's air quality, we asked the CPCB 'Kya Hua Tera Wada?', about their unfulfilled promise to update India's air quality standards, in tandem with the WHO guidelines.

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OCTOBER

DELHI'S BUS TOUR

We organised a month-long bus tour in Delhi to prove the world - “Bus hai, toh Dilli mast hai”. The campaign celebrated Delhi’s bus commuters, called attention to Delhi’s transportation issues, and demanded fund allocation in the upcoming state budget for 4,000 buses, including bus shelters, depots and bus lanes.



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BUS HAI, TOH DILLI MAST HAI



AN URBAN UTOPIA: DELHI

We asked the citizens of Delhi how they would like to reimagine their city. Based on the feedback from the citizens of Delhi, we brought those dreams to life with a short animation. Delhi was reimaged with: lively green streets buzzing with cyclists, eco-friendly public transport, street vendors, musicians and families soaking in the shared space.



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NOVEMBER



**CUT PLASTIC PRODUCTION BY >75%
TO KEEP THE PLANET ALIVE**

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WE NEED A STRONG GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY

The third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC3) for a Global Plastics Treaty ended on a disappointing note for the fight against plastic and climate crises. This latest round of negotiations has shown that the fossil fuel and petrochemical industries fiercely oppose the people and planet-saving measures in the Global Plastics Treaty.



To create awareness about the plastic crisis, our volunteers protested in Chennai to demand a stronger treaty. The team also conducted a brand audit where they categorised 11 kgs of litter from various brands.

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DECEMBER

INSTALLING BUS SHELTER

The bus users of Sunder Nagri now proudly wait for their bus under a newly installed green and white coloured bus shelter. At the inauguration, the community members sang songs, painted the bus shelter and discussed their commuting problems and solutions. The new bus stand was inaugurated by their local MLA, Rajendra Pal Gautam.



COP28

For the first time, a COP has been open about ending fossil fuels. More than 190 nations accepted the call to “transition away” from fossil fuels. There was a historic consensus at the COP as the countries agreed to a loss and damage fund.

People's power brought us here, but it's not over. Action is louder than words. Let's make it count.



NEWS FROM ACROSS THE
WORLD



DON'T STOP THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW

Greenpeace UK released Don't Stop, a short film about climate justice, which is also a music video for a cover of Fleetwood Mac's song Don't Stop.

The film is a collaboration with Oscar-winning director **Steve McQueen**, featuring actor **Will Poulter** (*Midsommar*, *Guardians of the Galaxy 3*) and is written and directed by McQueen's protege Samona Olanipekun. Steve McQueen exec-produced the film and it's made by his production company Lammas Park.



600,000 PEOPLE TOGETHER TO #ENDFOSSILFUELS

From 15-17 September, 600,000 people across 60 countries and 7 continents joined a historic global march to #EndFossilFuels! They rose in global resistance against fossil fuel criminals responsible for driving us deeper into the climate crisis that causes death, destruction and displacement worldwide.

The main event was a climate march in New York City, where world leaders gathered for the UN General Assembly and the UN Secretary-General convened a “no-nonsense” Climate Ambition Summit.

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URBAN OCTOBER 2023

Urban October 2023 was a month with people and movements across the world taking part in many activities to bring the **Urban Justice** vision to life!

Throughout Urban October, Greenpeace made significant progress in elevating the voices, ideas, and demands of urban movements and marginalized communities. We engaged thousands globally, revealing the impact of climate change and illustrating how city movements drive transformative change. Through polling and interactive mapping, we connected grassroots groups worldwide, spotlighting inspiring stories of community-led efforts to enhance cities.



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NATIONAL NEWS



INDIA SAW EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS ALMOST EVERY DAY IN THE FIRST 9 MONTHS THIS YEAR: REPORT

India experienced extreme weather events almost every day in the first nine months of this year which led to nearly 3,000 deaths, according to a report released by the independent think tank Centre for Science and Environment (CSE). The report said the climate-vulnerable country had extreme weather on 86 per cent of days from January to September 2023.



JULY WAS THE HOTTEST MONTH EVER, LIKELY IN 1.20 LAKH YEARS

A new record was hit in July: the hottest month in the world ever recorded. From the fire crisis in Greece to the floods in North India, Japan, USA, Spain, South Korea and Brazil, we are in the middle of an extreme climate mess!

The science is clear: extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and severe all over the world and we need to take action.



RAINBOW WARRIOR

From January to March the Rainbow Warrior visited Thailand and Malaysia to support capacity building with boat training and multiple On Board Campaign Training and mobilisation activities.

In early May, the ship docked in Albany, Australia, spending two months opposing Woodside Energy's Burrup Hub mega-project, exposing its environmental impacts and capturing oceanic beauty.

Greenpeace's flagship sailed towards the Pacific in July and started the Pacific Climate Justice Ship Tour in Cairns, Australia, as part of the Climate Justice Liability project. The tour focused on securing a strong and expansive advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice that helps safeguard human rights from the impacts of climate change.

In November, the Rainbow Warrior reached the Philippines, uniting with local communities to demand accountability and reparations from oil and gas companies for climate inaction. It also stood with survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban City and Eastern Samar Province, the site of the strongest recorded tropical cyclone.

In December, the crew and climate activists on kayaks blocked Shell's Batangas import terminal for three days, backing climate-affected communities. Greenpeace will persist in protesting the Philippine government's failure to demand reparations from corporate climate polluters and hold them accountable for the climate crisis.



ARCTIC SUNRISE

The Arctic Sunrise began the year with strong actions against Shell's oil and gas drilling plans, including a 13-day occupation and a journey spanning 4,000km, resulting in no arrests upon disembarking in Haugesund, Norway.

The Deep Sea Mining (DSM) campaign team joined the Arctic Sunrise during the 28th International Seabed Authority (ISA) meeting in Kingston, a pivotal event discussing the future of DSM.

Redirecting to Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, the ship confronted the UK Royal Research Ship James Cook returning from a DSM research expedition in the Clarion Clipperton Zone, highlighting industry-driven exploration.

In May, the Arctic Sunrise hosted successful open boat days in Bonaire before supporting Greenpeace Mexico's Biodiversity campaign and initiating efforts to protect deep reefs in the Gulf of Mexico and oppose a gas pipeline project.

August saw the ship conducting a scientific survey in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone, followed by supporting Beyond Seafood and Protect the Oceans campaigns in the USA, including screening the Before You Eat documentary.

In Long Beach, California, the Arctic Sunrise relaunched the Protect the Oceans campaign and released the report 30x30: From Global Ocean Treaty to Protection at Sea.

October witnessed the crew saving a Humpback whale in Mexico.

In November, the DSM team aboard the Arctic Sunrise carried out a groundbreaking protest against deep sea mining, disrupting almost half of The Metals Company's (TMC) expedition and securing a significant legal victory for peaceful protest.

Despite concluding the protest in December after 11 days of peaceful disruption, the team remains vigilant, monitoring the industry's response. This marks just the beginning of Greenpeace's global efforts against deep-sea mining.



THE WITNESS

The Witness left Europe in the first days of February to sail through the Atlantic and support GP Andino and local communities in documenting the impacts of salmon farming on the Patagonian Fjords.

By late March, The Witness navigated Chilean waters, contributing to Andinos #NoMásSalmoneras campaign to safeguard Patagonian seas from salmon farming. Collaborating with scientists, influencers, and journalists, the team gathered evidence of the industry's destructive effects.

In May, from Chile, the Witness sailed from Punta Arenas to Mar del Plata where the next campaign team from Andino embarked. From June onwards, the Witness exposed the issue of expanding offshore oil projects and showed the unique, rich and vulnerable ecosystems of the Argentina Sea.

Throughout the campaign, journalists, photographers, actors, and influencers joined the Greenpeace crew aboard The Witness, documenting marine life and raising awareness about the risks of the oil industry's expansion in the Argentinian Sea.

In the first days of October, the seismic ship BGP Prospector, hired by Equinor, arrived at a Montevideo anchorage. The ship was waiting for the final authorization from the Argentinian government to commence seismic blasting in the Argentine Sea. Greenpeace activists deployed a 9-metre floating banner in front of the seismic ship to protest against seismic blasting and oil exploration.

In November and December a team of scientists from Universidad de la República, in Montevideo, a campaign team, and the crew of The Witness prepared and performed a bottom survey off the coast of Uruguay at Bancos de Pez Limon. The plan is to collect information on the hard-bottom ecosystems on the continental shelf by filming and identifying species.





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It is obvious that we humans have been exploiting nature beyond our needs. The situation has reached critical levels in air, water, land and even light pollution. Besides, there is severe depletion of natural resources. There is no awareness that we are only a small part of nature and it belongs to flora and fauna equally, including our future generations. It is at this juncture that we must acknowledge the efforts of organisations like Greenpeace that have been carrying out campaigns to save the Earth. The direct action programmes of Greenpeace such as protests and awareness campaigns through publications, student outreach etc. are of tremendous significance in conserving nature and sustaining the Earth for humans and all forms of life. As a conscientious person, I feel it is the moral duty of all to express solidarity with Greenpeace in its endeavours.

- Rakshith M R -

Greenpeace supporter since 2016



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FORGING AHEAD WITH UNWAVERING HOPE

As we reflect on the challenges and progress of 2023, it is clear that together, we are steering towards a hopeful future albeit with lots of difficult choices and struggles on the way. The continued support from allies, communities, volunteers and donors fuels our determination to forge ahead. Each accomplishment, no matter how small, is a beacon of hope, illuminating the path towards a world where responsibility for the environment is essential.

Our persistent advocacy and engagement with the Centre for Pollution Board (CPCB) have not yet yielded results in the form of updated air quality standards. However, this forthcoming change will play a crucial role in regulating vehicular and industrial pollution, thereby ensuring that people breathe clean air. While we continue to have these discussions, there are moments of joy when decades worth of work finally come to fruition in terms of the signing of the Global Oceans Treaty. This Treaty is the tool that can create vast protected areas covering at least 30% of the oceans by 2030.

As the climate emergency rages on, as a community, we must find strength in unity and resilience. As we continue to build a movement powered by hope, we need your support to be a catalyst for positive change - by showing up, speaking out, signing our petitions, contributing or in any way that you feel comfortable. Through our work in urban justice and climate responsiveness, we will continue to create spaces that are equitable and accessible for all.





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